Pensions

* 204 *Q*.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of cases in which pensions drawn by certain teachers have been stopped because of re-employment;

(*b*) whether there is any proposal to apply to the teachers, retired and re-employed, the rules applicable to Government servants, retired and re-employed; and

(*c*) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) 758.

(*b*) Orders have already been issued to the effect that as in the case of Government servants, teachers who are re-employed under the State Government should be allowed to draw their pension in full and in addition such pay and allowances as will bring their total emoluments up to the total emoluments drawn by them on the date of retirement.

(*c*) Does not arise.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : What is the difficulty in extending such orders in the case of teachers retired from aided schools and district board schools?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : In respect of the aided schools it will become a case of double payment because the Government have to pay grants towards pay of teachers and in addition to that we will be called upon to pay pensions.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Sir, is it not a fact that the demand is only for the extension of the rules now applicable to the Government servants, that is, subject to the limit that their pay should not exceed the salary last drawn?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The point for consideration is this particularly with reference to teachers who were employed in private institutions. We wanted to give them some source of income for their maintenance on their retirement. When there is this source of income, on re-employment I do not think that we would be justified in further putting into their pockets this pension amount also.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Are the Government aware that such re-employed teachers are started on the minimum pay and that their demand is on account of the fact that there is no rule to say that they should not be re-employed on any pay less than what is stipulated in the service register?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : That would mean much more than the pension amount. They are better placed when re-employed than when they have to subsist on pension alone. Therefore, I do not think we would be justified in giving the benefit of pension to those who are re-employed in private institutions.

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* 205 *Q.*—SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation has been received in August 1960 to increase the pension of B.T.'s and others of the same category serving in recognized schools; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The matter is under examination.

Provident Fund Accounts

* 206 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any instances of delay in the encashment of National Savings Certificates of teachers purchased from their Provident Fund accounts have been brought to the notice of the Government; and

(*b*) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to avoid such delay?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) & (*b*) Two cases of delay in encashment of National Savings Certificate bought from the Teachers' Provident Fund have been brought to the notice. Due to the transfer of records between educational districts, the original records could not be traced and hence the delay.

As such delays are very uncommon, no special steps are considered necessary.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Is it a fact that they lose interest for the period there is delay in encashment?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes; once they become mature they will have to be encashed. If they are kept without being encashed after maturity, they might lose some interest.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : In view of the fact that Government want to encourage these deposits, should not they just see that the encashment is expedited?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : These things happen only in exceptional cases and I am sure with the experience gained so far, even these defects would be removed.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Questions are over.

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENT *RE*-MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have received a message from the Deputy Speaker, Madras Legislative Assembly, transmitting a copy of the Madras Agricultural Income-tax (Amendment) Bill, 1961